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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK REACTIONS TO MIDDLE EAST, KADUMI VISIT

1. ACROSS THE BACKDROP OF THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CLASH IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE VISIT OF FARUK KADDUMI, CHIEF OF THE POLITICAL SECTION AND THUS SHADOW FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, HAS RECEIVED MODERATE TREATMENT IN CZECHOSLOVAK MEDIA THIS WEEK(MARCH 13-17). RUDE PRAVO SAID KADDUMI HAD A "CORDIAL TALK" WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK MARCH 16 ON "PROBLEMS OF BILATERAL INTEREST," WHICH SOME LOCAL DIPLOMATS SUGGEST COULD MEAN ARMS AID. IT NOTED THE PLO OFFICIAL IS IN PRAGUE AS A GUEST OF THE NATIONAL FRONT CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

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2. THE PARTY DAILY ALSO CONTAINED AN INTERVIEW WITH KADDUMI, WHO SAID AMERICAN POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT AMERICAN OIL MONOPOLIES, PIT ARAB STATES AGAINST ONE ANOTHER, AND "LIQUIDATE THE PLO AND THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION."

3. THE LOCAL PRESS DID NOT DIRECTLY MENTION THE PALESTINIAN
TERRORISTS' ATTACK INSIDE ISRAELI TERRITORY EARLY IN THE WEEK.
ON MARCH 16 AND 17, HOWEVER, IT CARRIED LONG ARTICLES DENOUNCING
"ISRAEL'S COLONIAL AGRESSION"--WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE
CAUSES OF THE ISRAELI ASSAULT. ISRAEL'S ATTACKS IN LEBANON
WERE CALLED "PART OF THE GLOBAL STRATEGIC DESIGNS OF
IMPERIALISM AND ZIONISM, AIMED AT WEAKENING PROGRESSIVE FORCES
IN THE MIDDLE EAST."
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